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Mail Stop Amendment
Group Art Unit : 2154

Application No. : 10/034,372

Filed : January 3, 2002

Examiner : Joshua JOO

For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATION CONTROL

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
- ☐ A Request for Extension of Time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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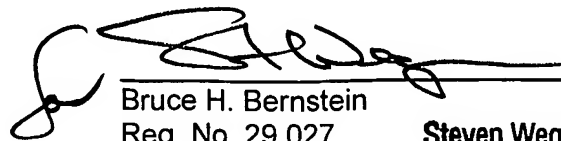
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir :

On February 8, 2006, Applicants filed a Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 in the above-captioned application. On April 18, 2006, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. §1.121) was mailed, setting forth a one-month period of time to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Applicants herewith re-submit the entire "Amendments to the Claims" section of the response that was filed on February 8, 2006, including the required correction thereto.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicates that claim 11 does not comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. No other comment was provided as to the nature of the non-compliance. Upon review of the filed response, and particularly claim 11, Applicants noted that the response filed on February 8, 2006 inadvertently failed to delete the term "~~convoluted~~" (e.g., the term "convoluted", which is struck-through) in line 13 of claim 11. This term had been deleted in the last filed response, but was inadvertently included in the version of claim 11 submitted on February 8, 2006. In this

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regard, Applicants submit that the error of including this term in claim 11 submitted on February 8, 2006 did not affect the scope of the claim, as the term was indicated to be canceled by the strike-through.

Applicants herewith submit the entire "Amendments to the Claims" section of the response filed on February 8, 2006, corrected to properly omit the above-noted term from line 13 of claim 11. Applicants note that the re-submitted Section provides a complete listing of all the claims, with each claim including a proper status identifier.

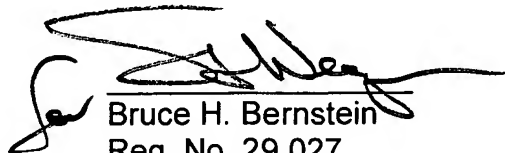
Applicant notes that the Notice states that only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be re-submitted in its entirety. Accordingly, the remainder of the response filed on February 8, 2006 is not enclosed herewith.

However, should the Examiner wish that a full copy of the previously filed amendment (with the correction made herein) be supplied, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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